

For: Cotton State and County Offices

**Software Modifications Contained in County Release No. 598
That Enables Cotton LDP Options After June 30**

Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

A Background

According to 7-CN, subparagraph 162 A, CCC cotton loans and LDP's:

- are available from the date loan rates are announced through May 31 after the calendar year in which the crop is planted
- shall be disbursed no later than 30 calendar days after the final date of availability.

Before software modifications provided in County Release No. 598, APSS:

- disabled regular cotton LDP options after June 30
- validated date documents received to provide for a date greater than the current date.

In some instances, disabling regular cotton LDP functions after June 30 requires LDP's to be processed as manual transactions. This requires authorization from DAM and DAFP to issue a manual check.

B Purpose

This notice informs State and County Offices that software has been modified to:

- enable regular cotton LDP functions after June 30
- validate the date documents received.

Disposal Date	Distribution
October 1, 2007	Cotton State Offices; State Offices relay to County Offices

1 Overview (Continued)

C Contact

State Offices shall direct questions about this notice to Julie Floriani by:

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2 APSS Modifications and Requesting Authorizations

A Software Modifications

County Release No. 598 provided modified APSS software that:

- validates LDP date documents received to be no later than May 31 after the calendar year in which the crop is planted
- enables regular cotton LDP options after June 30.

B Required Authorization to Disburse LDP's

County Offices shall request authorization through the State Price Support Specialist to disburse LDP's:

- after June 30 using either APSS or eLDP system from PSD
- that require a manual check
- using manual entry in APSS by use of a password issued by the State Office.